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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 11 February 1957

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- January 1957

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 31 January was []

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2. On 24 January, [] representative, was briefed on FDD operations by Chief, FDD.

[] ONI member of NSCID-16 Subcommittee, was given a detailed briefing on FDD operations by Chief, FDD, also on 24 January.

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3. On 14 January, FDD Intensive Russian Reading Class VII began with one student.

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[] assisted by [] lectured to 20 FDD personnel on Russian pronunciation on 22 January.

4. At the request of Mr. Carleton Hodge of the Foreign Service Institute School of Languages, one copy each of the FDD Russian, Rumanian, and Polish readers was sent to the school on 17 January.

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5. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at the Intelligence Orientation Course on 5 January.

6. [] Editorial Assistant in the Publications Section of Reports Branch, gave an illustrated lecture developed from her student tour visit to Russia and Satellite countries last summer.

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7. [] of the Inspector General's Office paid a return visit to the Division on 2 January as a follow-up of the I.G. inspection in the autumn of 1955.

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9. Action has been taken for the formal establishment of the FDD Career Service Board. Further activities of this board are pending instructions from OO.

OPERATIONS

1. The 82nd meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications was held on 18 January. The review of the Western World program was completed. It was agreed to dis-25X1A continue two of the scheduled bimonthly [] reports: "Information on Trade Union Activities in Finland" and "Information on Communist and Non-Communist Labor Union Cooperation in France and Italy."

The next meeting will be held 15 March.

2. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 37 cases of duplication totaling 851 pages.

3. A project, based on Subcommittee recommendations, providing for the establishment of FDD Field Offices, which was approved in principle by the Acting DCI on 26 December 1956, was prepared and sent to the DD/I who has now presented it for action to the Project Review Committee.

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5. During the month, the first issues of three scheduled quarterly summary reports were published: "Political and Sociological Report on Albania," "Political and Sociological Report on Bulgaria," and "Political and Sociological Report on Poland." 25X1A

The scheduled bimonthly [] report "Soviet Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic" has been put on a global basis (i.e., activities of any foreign nation in these areas) and the word "Soviet" dropped from the title.

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6. Commendations:

From Director of Training, an appreciation for the services of [] in the OTR basic survey course on Germany.

From Assistant Director, RR, for excellent support furnished over the past months by FDD in the Sino-Soviet areas. Especially commended are FDD Summaries No. 1031, "East German Foreign Trade Program, 1950-1955"; and No. 1135, "East German Second Five-Year Plan for Electric Power and Industry."

From Chief, Division of Forest Economic Research, Department of Agriculture, for FDD Translation No. 620, "Indonesian Study of Forestry and Industrial Development."

7. Liaison activities (other than CIA):

Department of State

With Division of Research for Western Europe, Mr. Milton Crane and associates, to discuss continuation of the FDD Indexes of La Stampa and Le Monde. Due to the wide usage of these reports disclosed, it was decided to continue publishing them. Several memoranda have been received from interested offices expressing appreciation for this action.

8. Special services rendered:

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Office of Training -- [redacted] participated in a panel lecture in the basic survey of Germany on 22 January.

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Office of the DD/I -- For the Senior Research Staff, translated an hour-long Hungarian-language tape recording of an interview of [redacted]

9. Significant reports:

FDD Summary No. 1179 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (132) (State Statistical Bureau report which points up weaknesses of the Chinese Communist statistical system and the seriousness of the steel shortage, pp. 21-26; official listing of the 20 organs under the State Council and description of the responsibilities of the eight Staff Offices of the Council, p. 80.)

FDD Summary No. 1186 -- Scientific Information Report (18) (Complete survey of available information on a principal Soviet BW-suspect institution -- the Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology imeni N. F. Gamaleya, pp. 160-176; a new law tightening severely requirements for advanced scientific degrees, pp. 113-159.)



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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
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